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BUDGET

Public Works Budget Cites Environmental Practices

by Virginia Beachamp

Neither “joy” nor “philosophy” are words one expects to hear at a Greenbelt City Council work session on the budget of the Public Works Department, those folks who see that the city’s roads stay in repair, that our garbage is picked up and that the ball fields are mowed. But the first began the evening’s discussion when Mayor Judith Davis described her pleasure in reading the department’s presentation of past accomplishments and future goals. The second word dominated a heated exchange later that came down perhaps to a matter of semantics.

Throughout the session, on April 16 in the Community Center, recycling was the major theme. The city’s goal is to recycle 50% of the refuse stream, a goal set back this year when a purchaser of plastic products of all varieties was forced to discontinue his service, leaving only types 1 and 2 plastics now accepted.

Paper pickups are down as

well, as fewer households subscribe to a daily newspaper. But yard waste, leaves and branches, was converted into 474 cubic yards of mulch and compost when the city contracted for the use of a large tub grinder. A composting facility is now being developed at Northway Fields and a second recycling facility is planned for Greenbelt East.

Recently, as time allows, the city has been carrying on research concerning the kinds of things people put into their garbage cans. If materials appear that could be recycled, homeowners may receive notes concerning the values of recycling. According to Assistant Director Bill Phelan, this intervention “seems to be helping.” The department also worked out special arrangements with the Greenbelt Post Office and Greenbelt Homes, Inc. for them to clear out their office files and set out the discarded paper for recycling.

“Green” Building

Director Kenny Hall gave a preview of exciting plans for renovation and additions to the department’s office and warehouse facility. These will be made as environmentally friendly as possible—what is called a “green” building. Recycled fuel oil, for example, could be used to heat it, in a process described as cleaner than the current use of gas. A solar system will heat the water, and a rain garden design will absorb water throughout the yard instead of sending it into drains. Up to 50% savings in energy uses are thus expected, Hall said. He predicted the design will be ready for bids this coming fall.

To help in preserving city streets, the department will be trying a new method of resurfacing involving an overlay procedure, which will be tried experimentally on Northway. During

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PHOTO BY LINDA BARNETT

Neal Barnett shows John, left, and James Nordberg how to plant native grasses at the lake.

Trucks and Trees Drew Citizens to Lake Park

by Mary Moien

If you ever wondered what it would be like to look down from the basket at the top of a cherry-picker truck, you should have visited the Public Works Department Open House on April 20. The open house coincided with Earth Day and Arbor Day celebrations. Many Public Works Department employees were on hand to describe what they do.

Greenbelt police cars were on display in the repair bays. Jim Keifline described the old and new logos that adorn the cars. As new cars are bought or repainted, a new 3-D-looking “POLICE” is attached to the sides of

the cars. Keifline also pointed out that each car now has a unique number on its roof to assist in identification by helicopter, and cars are being fitted with new front grill guards to protect them from damage.

Several groundsman were showing off the tractors and huge grass cutters that keep the fields and streets looking so neat. Another was giving tours of the greenhouses that contain flowers, bushes and even trees. Some are grown from seed and bulb, while others are purchased from nurseries.

See EARTH DAY, page 16

GHI Sets Candidates Night, Annual Meeting

by Mary Moien

The annual meeting of the Greenbelt Homes Inc. (GHI) membership will be held May 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center. A candidates night will be held on May 10 at 7 p.m. in the City Council Chambers. There is still time to submit an application to run for the GHI board, audit committee or nomination and elections committee (see ads elsewhere in paper). Contact GHI to obtain the application or call Andy Carruthers, co-chair, Nominations and Election committee, at 301 346-6751 to obtain more information. The deadline is May 10.

Biographies of candidates for office who have filed by May 3 will appear in next week’s News

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Annual Meeting

The official notice of the annual meeting and the GHI Board President’s annual report should be received at all GHI homes by this weekend. At the meeting, any questions regarding the annual report will be discussed. Additional topics include the GHI guest house, the new artifacts storage facility, the City Zip Car, and a revised policy on delinquent monthly payments.

Door prizes again will be given out. They include GHI certificates toward the monthly payment and gift certificates from the New Deal Café, the Co-op Grocery Store and the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center.

BUDGET

FOP Seeks Greater Pension Benefits in Shorter Time Period

by Mary Moien

Craig Rich, president of the Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police (FOP), proposed police retirement system changes to the Greenbelt City Council on April 24. Rich indicated that the objectives of finding and funding a new retirement system were to provide police officers with an equitable retirement package and to provide the city with a competitive recruiting/retention retirement package. After the presentation, it was apparent that if a change were to be made in the next fiscal year, a new actuarial study would need to be completed in the very near future.

The city will seek to approve approximately \$5,000 to fund a study to determine exactly how much a new retirement system would cost the city.

History

For years, most police officers have belonged to the Municipal Corporation Law Enforcement Officers’ Pension System of Maryland (MCLEO). At the time that this retirement system was approved, it was thought, based on actuarial data, that it would provide an officer with 50 percent of salary after 25 years of service.

However, it has not worked out that way. According to FOP figures, an officer retiring in 2001 at \$50,000 salary with 25 years of service would receive about \$14,000 a year, or 28 percent of salary, before taxes and health benefit costs are deducted.

With city approval, the FOP and police officers formed a committee to look into a new plan. Their ultimate goal would be a plan with 50 percent of salary after 20 years of service. Rich pointed out that the Greenbelt force has one of the lowest retirement benefit packages in the area for departments with 30 or more officers. Laurel, Prince George’s and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Police all offer retirement at 20 years.

Proposed Package

The Law Enforcement Officers’ Modified Pension Benefit package (LEOPS) was proposed, a plan that a number of Maryland forces have switched to or are considering switching to. According to Rich, the FOP supports the LEOPS plan “100% with no wavering in the rank and file.” Although it is more expensive for the officers and probably for the city, the officers “want a secure future.”

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What Goes On

Saturday, May 4,

1 to 3 p.m., Youth Speak Out, Roosevelt Center

Sunday, May 5,

1 to 5 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center

Monday, May 6,

7:30 p.m., Budget Worksession for Contribution Groups, Municipal Building

Tuesday, May 7,

7:30 p.m., Arts Advisory Board Meeting, Community Center

7:30 p.m., Youth Advisory Committee, Greenbelt Youth Center

Wednesday, May 8,

7:30 p.m., Budget Worksession for Green Ridge House, Green Ridge House

Thursday, May 9,

7:30 p.m., Four Cities (Greenbelt, Berwyn Heights, College Park, and New Carrollton) Meeting, Municipal Building

Friday, May 10,

7 p.m., GHI Candidates Forum, Municipal Building

Saturday, May 11,

11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Pet Expo, Community Center

Artful Afternoon in Bloom

by Nicole DeWald

May's Artful Afternoon brings a variety of free arts activities emphasizing the beauty of the spring landscape. All ages are invited to attend. The program will take place on Sunday, May 5, from 1 to 5 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center. The annual plant sale sponsored by the Greenbelt Home and Garden Club will take place on the Community Center lawn from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

At 1 p.m., the Manny Bobenreith Ensemble will present a contemporary tango concert on the front lawn. From 1 to 3 p.m., meet the artists at a reception for the Flower Show art exhibit opening in the Community Center Gallery; many works are available for sale. Also from 1 to 3 p.m., enjoy a free floral arranging demonstration and workshop for ages 16 and up with Recreation Department instructor Diane Tuckman. Limited materials will be available. Please bring a small container and sharp knife or clippers to participate. From noon to 4 p.m., children and adults alike are invited to enjoy a landscape painting demonstration



on the front lawn with master artist Dan Kennedy, a Community Center Artist in Residence. Adults wishing to paint or draw should bring their own materials; easels and chairs will be provided. Materials, as well as easels, will be provided for children. Additional activities will include: a studio open house with the Artists in Residence, a ceramics sale with Greenbelt Pottery, and free tours of the Greenbelt Museum. For additional information, contact the Community Center at 301-397-2208.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Agers enjoyed a delicious anniversary luncheon at the FontaineBleu on April 17. Past presidents and birthdays of the month were honored. Shep Odom gave a memorial for the members who died this last year. Mayor Judith Davis, City Manager Mike McLaughlin and Community Center Manager Joe McNeal gave brief comments. Thanks to the committee who coordinated this event. Patricia Fitzpatrick was the speaker at the April 24 meeting. She gave an overview of the Medicare benefits and stressed the need for everyone to have supplemental insurance (Medigap plans). Leney Holohan and Bunny Fitzgerald won the 50/50. Several people were winners in the "Grab bag" conducted by Florence Holly.

We are proud to announce we have an author in the club. Joe Rimar has had a collection of poems, "Sands of Time" published by Watermark Press. At the May 8 meeting Joe will tell how he came to put the collection in a book and there will be a book signing. Congratulations, Joe. Our condolences to the family of Ruth Dungan. The members welcomed Arlene Souser back to the club after a long illness.

Listeners Needed For Lonely Children

PhoneFriend is looking for volunteer listeners to offer support and information over the phone to children who are lonely, scared or need to talk. Training is provided beginning May 9. Call 202-223-0020.

Letters

THANKS!

Many, many thanks to our wonderful neighbors in 16 Court Ridge Road and other very caring people who were nearby who came to Paul's aid after he was attacked and robbed. We want to also thank you and friends elsewhere for your caring and concern, your offers to help and your thoughtfulness. Your caring and concern have meant a lot. We would also like to thank the Greenbelt Police Department and the Rescue Squad for coming quickly and for their help. And for the care that Paul received at Doctor's Hospital, we say thanks.

Paul and Clarice Ollerenshaw

Exchange Students Need Host Families

ASSE International Student Exchange Programs is seeking local families interested in hosting a high school foreign exchange student for the 2002/2003 school year. The students are between 15 and 18 years old, are well-screened, speak English, and come from various countries throughout the world. They will attend a local high school. The students are carefully screened in their home countries. Interested families can select the student of their choice from thorough student applications, family photos and biographical essays. The students arrive shortly before school begins and return at the end of the school year. Each ASSE exchange student is fully insured, brings his or her personal spending money and shares in the household responsibilities. For information, call Darlene Thompson at 301-474-2999 or 1-800-677-2773 or visit the website at www.asse.com.

Baseball News

by Timothy, Mark and Joey Nutwell

It is an exciting time for baseball fans in Greenbelt. On Friday, April 19, exciting turned to extraordinary when Orioles hitter Nick Blesso hit the first home run of his career – a three run homer. He topped this at his next at-bat with a grand slam! Nick started playing T-ball at age 5. He then went on to coach pitch. This is his fifth year with the Orioles.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

Week of May 3
Monsoon Wedding (R)

Friday
Monsoon Wedding
*5:00, 7:25, 9:45

Saturday
Monsoon Wedding
*2:30, *5:00, 7:25, 9:45

Sunday
Monsoon Wedding
*2:30, *5:00, 7:25

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College Park Farmers' Market Opens

Fresh fruit and vegetables are available at the College Park Farmers' Market, held every Saturday from 7 a.m. to noon through October 26. The market can be found in the parking lot of the Herbert Wells Ice Rink/Ellen Linsen Swimming Pool, 5211 Paint Branch Parkway. An outdoor flea market is also held at the rink on the first and third Saturday of every month from 7 a.m. to noon through October 19. Admission is free and vendor space, is available for a fee. For information, call 301-277-3717, TTY 301-454-1493, or visit pgparks.com.

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DEADLINES: Letters, articles and ads—10 p.m. Tuesday. Materials for publication may be mailed to address above, deposited in our box in the Co-op grocery store (by 7 p.m. Tuesday) or brought to our office in the Community Center 15 Crescent Road during office hours. Mail subscriptions—\$32/year.

Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., Tuesday 2 - 4, 8 - 10 p.m.

PRELIMINARY AGENDA MEETING OF GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Thursday, May 9, 2002
7:30 p.m.

Community Center

GHI Key Agenda Items

- Contributions
 - Fire Dept.
 - Nasco
- Living Trust - Karen M. Temple True, 7A Hillside Rd.
- Woodlands Committee Recommendations
- Surplus Distribution

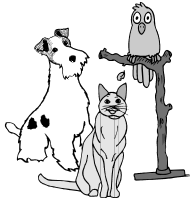
Regular board meetings are open to members.

The Pet Event Of the Year

A Pet Expo will be held Saturday, May 11, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (rain or shine) at the Community Center. Sponsored by the City of Greenbelt and the Greenbelt Dog Park Association as well as Greenbelt Homes, Inc., the event’s purpose is to provide a fun informational day.

Another feature of the event will be the presence of local companies offering services such as grooming, day care, boarding, and more. Attendees can learn about different breeds and types of pets from local rescue groups.

Among those present will be Ruth Chase, founder of the Coventry School for Dogs to demonstrate positive reinforcement training techniques. The Coventry School will also give an agility demonstration and help assist visitors and their pets demonstrate their agility. Joel Walton, trainer and author of Labradors for Dummies will be on hand. Prince George’s County Animal Management Division will be selling county licenses and distributing information on county laws. Gena Wilson, an animal communicator, will present Inspired By Angels, a telepathic link to the animal kingdom. She is a health scanner and spiritual healer. Visitors are invited to bring a pet or a picture of a pet for an individual reading. Karing By Kristina, a bonded and insured professional pet and house sitter will be there, as well as New Carrollton Veterinary Hospital, a full-service medical and surgical facility. P.K.S. Enterprises Photography specializing in children and pets will also attend.



Help Park, Remove Invasive Plants

Come learn about the harmful effects of non-native plants on the local ecosystem. Help remove some of the non-native plants to defend Greenbelt Park from harmful invasive plants. Be sure to wear appropriate clothing and footwear; long sleeves are recommended. Meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area on Saturday, May 4, at 11 a.m.

For more directions or information call 301-344-3944.

Hunting Ridge News

The results of the April 24 election held at Hunting Ridge are: Katherine Moomey, president; Cynthia Johannson, vice president; Ronald C. Brooks, secretary; George Miller, treasurer; and Arlene Preston, director.

Board meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Clubhouse at 6914 Hanover Parkway.

Parent Group Meets

The Greenbelt Mama’s and Papa’s group provides fellowship and support for parents of young children.

Members meet for lunch the second and fourth Wednesday of every month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Theater Rehearsal Room of the Greenbelt Community Center.

New members are always welcome. Bring a simple dish to share.

Call Tanya Nordberg for more information at 301-486-0117.

Community Events

Homeschoolers PE Class Held

The Greenbelt Homeschool Co-op has homeschool physical education classes Mondays at 1 p.m. at McDonald Field. All ages are welcome.

Call Tanya Nordberg for more information at 301-486-0117.

Fact or Fiction? “Explorations”Topic

What historical knowledge can people get from feature films, docudramas, historical fiction, and propaganda films? How does the viewer “read” films to separate historical fact from fiction? Come to Explorations Unlimited on Friday, May 10 and hear Dr. Martin B. Cohen, from George Mason University, address these issues. Dr. Cohen’s research interests are the fields of history through film, the Cold War, and the 1920s and 1930s. He is currently working on a study of the 1920s as seen through Hollywood silent films.

Explorations Unlimited is a speaker series held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Classroom. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

Nature Is Topic For Poetry Plus

Poetry Plus, a group for poets and poetry lovers to listen and talk, an appreciative audience for new poems or old, poems people love, hate or don’t understand, will meet on Saturday, May 11, at the Greenbelt Library, 10:30 a.m. to noon. The suggested topic is “Nature.” The discussion is open to all who enjoy talking about poetry. It will help to bring five to 10 copies of poems for others to read.

NARFE to Meet

The next meeting of NARFE (National Federation of Retired Federal Employees), Chapter 1122, will be held Wednesday, May 8 at noon at the Royal Jade Restaurant, 7701 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt. It is on the east corner of Greenbelt Road and Hanover Pkwy and the entrance faces Hanover Pkwy.

At the Library

Tuesday, May 7, 7 p.m. Cliffhangers for ages 5 to 8.

Wednesday, May 8, 10:15 a.m. Cuddletime for ages 12 to 24 months with caregiver.

Thursday, May 9, 10:15 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5.

Movie of the Month

by Martha Kaufman

The movie of the month is “The King and I.” It will be shown at the Community Center on May 13 in the senior classroom at 1 p.m.

The stars of the film are Yul Brynner and Deborah Kerr, who make this Rodgers and Hammerstein magnificent musical into a memorable motion picture.

Brynner struts about to create the perfect picture of the absolute monarch as the King of Siam and Kerr matches his sharply defined performance as the spirited British schoolteacher who is hired to tutor the royal offspring.

The familiar “Getting to Know You” and “Hello Young Lovers” are two sentimental songs to be enjoyed.

Home and Garden Club Sale May 5

The annual Plants and Attic Treasures Sale sponsored by the Greenbelt Home and Garden Club will be held on Sunday, May 5, on the Community Center lawn from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The city’s horticulturist will offer surplus plants.

New Year’s Group Will Meet Thursday

The second meeting of the Greenbelt New Year 2003 Committee will be held on Thursday, May 9, at 7:30 at the Community Center. Preliminary activities and entertainment for the celebration will be discussed. Individuals interested in joining are invited to attend the meeting on May 9. Call Patti Brothers at 301-982-2312 for more information.

Greenbelt PTA Holds Annual Events

Greenbelt Elementary School and PTA will hold its annual Family Fun Day, Silent Auction and Yard Sale on Saturday, May 18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be fun, games and food for all ages. Volunteers are needed and community service hours are available for high school students. For information call Diane Siegel at 301-345-7569.

Learn to Use Clay Without a Wheel

Learn to make usable clay bowls, mugs, plates and pots, sculptural boxes, vases, figurative sculpture or abstract sculpture without having to learn wheel techniques. No previous clay experience required.

Classes begin Wednesday May 15, 7 to 9:30 p.m. Inquire at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, 301-397-2208.

Church Yard Sale This Saturday

The Greenbelt Community Church, located at Hillside and Crescent Roads will be holding its annual indoor yard sale, bake sale and Hoagie sale on Saturday, May 4, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., rain or shine.

For more information call 301-474-6171.

PetsMart Sponsors “Adopt a Pet” Day

The Prince George’s County SPCA/Humane Society is sponsoring a pet adoption day on Sunday, May 12, noon to 3 p.m. at PetsMart, Beltway Plaza Mall, 6000 Greenbelt Road. The pets’ foster parents will be present to answer questions and accept adoption applications. For more information, call 301-262-5625 or visit the Web site at www.pgspca.org.

Runners Program Held on Saturdays

The Prince George’s Running Club is sponsoring a program for beginning runners on Saturday mornings. The 14-week program begins May 11 at 8 a.m. in Greenbelt Park. Participants will train to run a 5-kilometer race in August. Instruction will include proper warm-ups, coached running in the park and an exercise plan to complete during the week. The program is free with a club membership.

For more information, call 301-489-0041, write the club at P.O. Box 877, Greenbelt, MD 20768 or visit the club website at www.pgrc.org.

The Prince George’s Running Club is an affiliate of the Road Runners Club of America.

See Rings, Nebula Via Astronomy Club

Come explore the universe with the Greenbelt Astronomy Club. Attend a star gazing party on Saturday, May 4. The event begins at dusk and is scheduled to last until at least 11 p.m. Club members will be on hand with a variety of telescopes and binoculars to share views of Jupiter with its moons, Saturn with its rings, star clusters, nebula, and constellations. The location will be Northway ball fields, at the end of Northway in Greenbelt. The event is free and open to the public. In the event of hopelessly cloudy skies, this event will be cancelled.

For further information, directions and map, visit the website at: <http://lheawww.gsfc.nasa.gov/docs/outreach/gac/GAC.html>.

Rabies Clinic Soon

A rabies clinic will be held on May 11 at Greenbelt Middle School for cats, dogs, and ferrets over three months. There is a fee of \$5 per vaccination. Dog and cat licenses will also be available. The charge is \$25 for unaltered animals and \$5 for altered animals. Exact change is required.

“SHHH” Meets

Prince George’s County Group, Self Help for Hard of Hearing People (SHHH), will meet Thursday, May 9, 2 to 4 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. Dana Mulvany MSW, outreach coordinator at SHHH National, will lead a discussion entitled: “A Novel Idea: Service to Others as People with Hearing Loss.”

People can learn the benefits of sharing their experiences with hearing loss with members of other organizations.


For further information or directions call 301-474-0345.

Low Flying Aircraft



The state will use low flying aircraft to spray for gypsy moths in the Plateau Place area sometime in the coming weeks.

SHARE Food Network- New Distribution Site!
Community based, non-profit network providing nutritious, low cost food packages (\$30-35 value) for just \$15 and 2 hrs. volunteer service.


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Greenbelt Baseball


Major League Schedule

Monday, May 6	6 p.m.	Cubs @ Tigers
Tuesday, May 7	6 p.m.	Cards @ A's
Wednesday, May 8	6 p.m.	Lions @ Giants
Thursday, May 9	6 p.m.	O's @ Indians
Friday, May 10	6 p.m.	Tigers @ A's
Friday, May 10	7 p.m.**	Lions @ Cubs
Saturday, May 11	10 a.m.	Indians @ Cards
Saturday, May 11	1 p.m.	O's @ Giants

Standings
(As of Tuesday, April 30)

American League	National League
W - L	W - L
Athletics 4 - 1	Lions 4 - 0
Orioles 3 - 1	Cards 4 - 2
Giants 1 - 3	Cubs 1 - 3
Tigers 1 - 3	Indians 0 - 5

Unless otherwise noted, all games will be played at McDonald Field this week.
** Game at Braden Field



Goods, Art & Services Auction

Mishkan Torah Congregation
10 Ridge Road
Historic Old Greenbelt
Saturday May 4, 8:30-10 pm


Wine, cheese & desserts served
Fabulous door prizes
Admission: \$10.00
INFO: 301.474.4223

Obituaries

Lee Fink

Former Greenbelter Lee Fink, 85, died Tuesday, April 16, 2002 of heart failure at Arden Court Assisted Living Facility in Silver Spring. She had lived there for the past six years.

Mrs. Fink was born and raised in New York City. A very intelligent woman, she graduated from high school at the age of 16 and entered City College. She worked for Time Magazine with its founder, Henry Luce.

After marrying her husband, Larry, she moved with him to Washington, D.C. and then to Greenbelt in 1944. They lived in 20 Court Ridge Road. There they raised three sons. She taught second grade and remedial reading at Beltsville and Greenbelt Center Elementary Schools from 1955 to 1976, where she was known as a dynamic teacher. She completed her bachelor of science in education with honors at the University of Maryland in 1962 – the same year that her second son graduated from high school.


Mrs. Fink has been described by her friends as an outgoing, active woman with a twinkling smile that she kept to the end, even during her long struggle with Alzheimer's disease. In her youth she was athletic, and played basketball. She met her future husband while she was exercising, hitting a punching bag at the beach in New York. While she loved and nourished her family, she maintained her interest in learning, traveling, playing bridge, dancing and discussing politics. Her family remembers her as a wonderful mother and grandma.

In Greenbelt she participated in line dancing and square dancing at Center School. She played contract bridge and swam at the outdoor pool, where she enjoyed watching her husband play handball. A member of the National Education Association, she also was active in local PTAs as a parent and teacher.

After retirement in 1976, she and her husband went to Del Ray Beach, Florida but returned to Maryland about six years ago. To them Greenbelt was always home, even when they could no longer live here. Her husband of almost 60 years died in February 1998. She is survived by three sons, Walter and his wife Janet of Alexandria, Virginia; Robert of Washington, D.C. and Thomas and his wife Barbara of Columbia; four grandchildren, Dennis, Kevin, Karen and Katie and one great-granddaughter, Madeleine.

The family asks those wishing to make contributions in her memory to send donations to the Alzheimer's Association, 919 Michigan Ave., Suite 1100, Chicago, IL 60611.





Catholic Community of Greenbelt

MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.

Municipal Building

Mary M. Fitzmaurice

Greenbelt pioneer Mary Fitzmaurice, age 91, died peacefully April 18, 2002 at the Lakewood home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mary and Donald Dorsey. She had been in declining health the past three years.



Mrs. Fitzmaurice was born in South Bend, Indiana, on November 10, 1910, to devout Polish parents. As a young woman she enjoyed sports and was captain of the women's basketball team at Wilson Bros. Haberdashery, where she was employed.

In 1936 she married Joseph L. Fitzmaurice, whom she had met when he was a student at Notre Dame University in South Bend. They moved to Washington, D.C., where her husband had already begun his career in the federal government.

In March of 1938 the young couple moved to the new town of Greenbelt with their infant son James, first to an apartment on Parkway and then to 8-D Hillside. During this time Mr. Fitzmaurice was completing studies for his law degree at Georgetown University. In 1948 they moved to 2-B Woodland

Way.

Mr. and Mrs. Fitzmaurice were among the founding families of St. Hugh's parish. Mr. Fitzmaurice was one of a committee of men who traveled to Baltimore to petition then Archbishop Curley to send a priest to Greenbelt to establish a Catholic parish. Greenbelt was then a mission parish of Holy Redeemer in Berwyn, and Greenbelt Catholics attended Mass first in Center School and later in the Greenbelt Theatre. In 1947 Father Victor Dowgiallo was sent to start up the new parish, which was named St. Hugh's, and Mr. and Mrs. Fitzmaurice were leaders in raising funds to build the school and later the church. Mrs. Fitzmaurice was a charter member of St. Hugh's Sodality and the Ladies of Charity. She was active in charitable works of those organizations until well into her eighties.

Mrs. Fitzmaurice was one of the women who helped prepare the convent in 58 Court of Crescent Road for the coming of the Sisters of the Holy Cross to staff St. Hugh's School when it opened in 1949. She volunteered at the school and supported all its activities, just as she had at Holy Redeemer School when her eldest son, James, went there. She always enjoyed her family, staying close and supporting her children, grandchildren, and great-grand-

children until her very last days. She also relished her designation as a "pioneer" of both the City of Greenbelt and St. Hugh's parish, and in 1997 participated in the anniversary celebrations of both city and church.

Mrs. Fitzmaurice's husband died in 1987 and her son, James, in 1998. She is survived by two daughters, Mary J. Dorsey of Greenbelt and Ann C. Layne of El Cajon, California, and a son, Joseph of Greenbelt; grandchildren Donald and Frank Dorsey, Lisa and Jennifer Bilotti, Sena and John Fitzmaurice and Sarah and Joshua Layne; and great-grandchildren Daniel and Amanda Dorsey. She is also survived by two sisters and two brothers, Dorothy Vertesich, Florence Kolber and Edward Torzewski, all of South Bend, and Richard Torzewski of Ocala, Florida. The family was especially pleased that Mrs. Fitzmaurice was well enough to enjoy a visit in South Bend with her siblings last fall.

Mass of Christian burial was offered by Father Thomas Crowley at St. Hugh's on April 22, 2002 with burial in Gate of Heaven cemetery.

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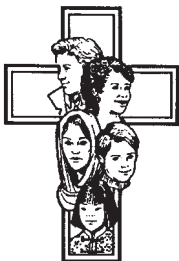
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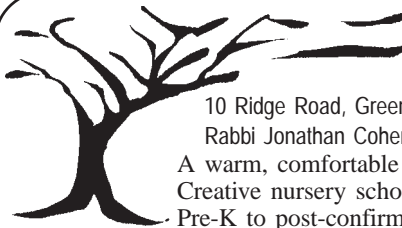
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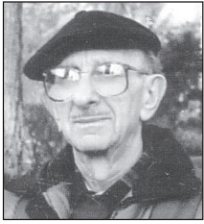
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Obituaries

Joseph Remenick

Joseph Remenick, 85, of Westway Road died on Friday, April 26, 2002 from complications of pneumonia resulting from a heart procedure. Mr. Remenick lived in Greenbelt for over 56 years. Joe met his wife, Rose, in Philadelphia and they were married in 1939. Mr. Remenick was employed with the General Accounting Office branch of the U. S. Government for 33 years, retiring in 1973.



Mr. Remenick was a very active volunteer in the Greenbelt community. He served on numerous committees. In the early years of the Greenbelt Concert and Marching Band he served as treasurer for four years. He worked in a booth at the very first Labor Day Festival. He served on Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Aesthetics and Environment Committee, where he was awarded Committee Member of the Year. He also chaired a committee for the cleaning up of GHI property. Until his recent illness, he was an active member of the Current Issues Discussion Group. He donated his time to the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center in its early years and the Friends of the Greenbelt Library. His hobbies included collecting and reading books, walking, and he was an avid pool player at the Greenbelt Community Center.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Rose, of the home address, sons Paul (Carol) of Berwyn Heights, Jay (Nancy) of Greenbelt, daughter-in-law, Deedee of Baltimore; four grandchildren, Becci Fuss, Lori Remenick, Jessica Bird and Berrigan Remenick and five great-grandchildren, Mindi, Ryan, Kasey, Griffin and Olivia, also survive him. His son, Daniel, preceded Mr. Remenick in death.

Services were held at the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department on April 29, 2002. Interment was at Judean Memorial Gardens in Olney. Memorial contributions may be made to the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 35, Greenbelt, MD 20768.

Cyril S. Turner, Jr.

Greenbelt pioneer Cyril S. (Cy) Turner, Jr., 81, died Thursday, April 25, 2002 at Easton Memorial Hospital.

Born in Lancaster, Pa., he was the son of the late S. Turner, Sr. and Elizabeth Zell Turner. Mr. Turner came to Greenbelt with

his family and lived at 2F Northway. Later he lived at several locations in the city before moving to 47 Lakeside Drive. He had been a property owner in Ocean Pines since 1967 and made it his permanent home in 1980.

He had been special programs manager of the Chesapeake Division of the Naval Facilities Engineering Command, serving the White House under six presidents from the Eisenhower administration through the Carter administration.

He held membership in the 1600 Connecticut Club. He was also a member of the American Legion both in Greenbelt and Ocean City. He belonged to Evergreen Lodge #153, AF and FM in Berlin, Md. and was active in the Ocean Pines Kiwanis Club. Mr. Turner was an avid model train collector and belonged to several associated model train clubs.

In Greenbelt he was chief observer as a member of the group of airplane spotters during World War II, putting in 500 hours of duty.

He is survived by his wife, Eileen C. Turner: five children: Mary Beth Coleman of Montgomery County, Suzanne Haley of Severna Park, Mark C. Turner of Columbus, Ohio; Brian M. Turner of Upper Marlboro; and Gregory N. Turner of Ocean Pines; 10 grandchildren and a sister, Anne Andrews of Gaithersburg.

Friends may call at Borgwardt Funeral Home, 4400 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville on Thursday, May 2 from 7 to 9 p.m. Interment with military honors will be held at Arlington National Cemetery on Wednesday, May 15 at 10 a.m.

Contributions in his memory may be made to Ocean Pines EMS, 911 Ocean Parkway, Ocean Pines, MD 21811.

Pearl Rebecca Sisler

Pearl Rebecca Sisler of Breezewood Terrace died on Sunday, April 28, 2002 at her daughter's home in Gaithersburg.

She is survived by her daughter Janet Rebecca Mullikin Clarke and her husband J.F. Gates Clarke; grandchildren Brian Lee Clarke and Valerie Clarke Deely; great-grandchildren Matthew Bruce, Suzanner Pearle, Nathan Bradley Clarke and Eric Simon Deely; and sister Louise Peffer MacDougall.

She was preceded in death by her husband Charles Martin Mullikin and Arthur Martin Sisler, four sisters and five brothers.



Condolences to Rose Remenick and her family upon the death of her husband, Joseph, a longtime resident and active volunteer.

Our sympathy to Eileen Turner and her family upon the death of Greenbelt pioneer Cyril (Cy) S. Turner, Jr., who died April 25 in Easton.

Greenbelters were saddened to learn of the death of former Greenbelter and elementary school teacher, Lee Fink, who died on April 16.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Greenbelt pioneer, Mary Fitzmaurice. Condolences to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Word has been received that Greenbelt resident, Pearl Rebecca Sisler, died April 28 in Gaithersburg. Our sympathy to her family.

Congratulations to two outstanding educators honored by the city of Bowie at the seventeenth annual Excellence in Education dinner on April 16. Judith

Goldberg-Strassler was honored for her three years of working with students as a guidance counselor at Yorktown Elementary School. Brenda Cooley was honored for her 11 years at St. Pius School teaching social studies and geography. Both teachers live in Boxwood.

A warm welcome to Erin Michelle Daly, born March 18 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Towson, weighing 8 lbs. 8 oz. Erin's parents, Mary and Steve, and sister Allison reside in Eldersburg, Md.; her maternal grandparents are Therese and Frank Stringfellow of Woodland Way. Her paternal grandparents are Ken Daly of Greenbriar and Lucia Kellough of Bowie.

A tip of the News Review's hat to our own Dorothy Sucher who published "The Next Generation" in the April 28 issue of The Washington Post Magazine. Dorothy's article is a reminiscence about children growing up, leaving home, and how life changes.

Reality TV to Seek Contestants Locally

The TV show "Escape from Experiment Island" will be taped on a beautiful and remote Scottish isle this summer. Each group of contestants will spend a week building a series of adventurous experimental devices that will help them on their way to a thrilling escape. Producers will soon be traveling to the following cities to interview potential show candidates: Washington D.C., Baltimore, Boston, Detroit, San Jose, Jacksonville and Seattle.

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Each team will have to figure out where the escape craft should land and how they will get there to meet it. If an appropriate landing site for the escape craft doesn't exist, the teams will have to make one. The first team to successfully reach their escape craft will leave the island victorious.

The producers are looking for contestants with all kinds of skills: the ability to change a tire, fix a leaky faucet, or build model rockets, along with a basic understanding of how things work.

For information, go to: www.discovery.com and click on the TLC home page to download the application, or contact Experiment Isle@aol.com.

Friends may call at Gasch's Funeral Home, P.A., 4739 Baltimore Ave., Hyattsville on Friday, May 3, 9 to 9:45 a.m. followed by funeral services at 10 a.m. Interment will be in Ascension Church Cemetery, Bowie.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Delaware Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Two Mill Road, Suite 106, Wilmington DE 19806 or the American Lung Association of Delaware, 1021 Gilpin Ave., Suite 202, Wilmington, DE 19806.

Saturday Auction At Mishkan Torah

Mishkan Torah congregation will sponsor a Goods, Art and Services Auction on Saturday, May 4, from 8:30 to 10 p.m. Wine, cheese and desserts will be served, and door prizes will be awarded. Enjoy a chance to bid on gift certificates for restaurants, getaways and theater tickets. There will be both live bidding and a silent auction. Come to socialize, eat or win. There is an admission fee. For more information, call 301-474-4223.



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A Review

GAC's Shrew Production Delights All

by Sabine Hentrich

“So The Taming of the Shrew isn’t exactly PC [politically correct] by today’s standards. True enough. But the play is such fun!” comments Norma Ozur in her director’s notes. Saturday night’s audience agreed; it was obvious that the Greenbelt Arts Center’s production of William Shakespeare’s comedy enthralled them.

Ozur’s note refers to the main plot’s infamous controversial, misogynistic undertones. The play is about “shrewish” Kate, the outspoken older daughter of Baptista, a wealthy gentleman of Padua, Italy. Her father has vowed not to allow her “gentle” and “kind” younger sister, Bianca, to be married unless the difficult Kate finds a husband first. When headstrong Petruchio comes to Padua to look for a wife, he hears about Kate (and her wealth) and decides to marry her despite her bad temper.

It is the end of the play, and particularly Kate’s last speech, that makes many contemporary audiences scratch their heads. Kate explains where every woman’s place should be and how she needs to regard her husband: as her “lord; her king; her governor...” It is easy to get past this stereotyping of women if one remembers that Shakespeare wrote these words in 1594.

Kate (Belen Pifel) well captures the transformation from a discontented, irritable woman to an obedient, selfless wife. She and her counterpart, Petruchio (Karl Heimer), are perfect as this odd couple whose first days of marriage turn out to be a disastrous roller coaster ride. Petruchio, who is just as stubborn as Kate, puts his new wife through a “marriage boot camp” designed to shatter her contempt towards him and the world. Pifel and Heimer are equally convincing at loving and hating each other.

The play, however, would not be the Bard’s if it did not contain various subplots and even a play within a play. The main subplot involves Bianca (Cate Krage), the polar opposite of her sister. Pretty and pleasant - and therefore popular with men - Bianca is courted by three very different suitors: young Lucentio (Colin Fink), old Gremio (Stuart Fischer), and odd Hortensio (Sam DePriest). The actors manage to stay in character for their peculiar gaits, accents, and personalities. Krage, as Bianca, is wonderful as she experiences the opposite character transformation from her sister



Petruchio (Karl Heimer) shows Hortensio (Sam DePriest) how to tame shrew Katharina (Belen Pifel).

Kate. Aside from the funny cat-and-mouse games of Petruchio and Kate, much of the play’s comedy is derived from mistaken identity jokes. Within these plots, Shakespeare’s common theme of appearance versus reality surfaces. Lucentio and his servant Tranio, for instance, change roles in order for Lucentio to gain access to Bianca. Tranio (Jeff Landou) does a fine job portraying a servant pretending to be a master. The audience loved Lucentio’s foolish servant Biondello (Norm Gleichman), who brings the humor in these mistaken identities alive.

The play within the play is actually The Taming of the Shrew itself. Director Ozur, who cut the play, added Shakespeare’s original induction, which is frequently omitted. The induction is about a practical joke being played on a drunk by an acting troupe. The acting troupe dresses an intoxicated Christopher Sly (Larry Simmons) as a gentleman and provides him with a “wife” (played by a magnificent Shannon Webber in drag) in order to see a performance of the Taming of the Shrew. Sly never really finds out whether he actually saw the play or whether he dreamt it. Whereas Shakespeare drops the Sly theme after the initial scene, Ozur kept it in the play all the way through. Her innovation was rewarded by the audience’s laughter during the scene changes, when the spotlight briefly shifted back to Sly and his “wife.”

Except for the Sly scenes Ozur added, her production of Taming of the Shrew was true to the original classic. She did a marvelous job of casting, and aside from some unintended age differences among actors (one of Bianca’s suitors--supposedly her own age--looked a lot younger

than she) everyone was convincing in his or her role. The crew also greatly supported the director’s vision. Norm Gleichman, who not only acted in several roles but also functioned as vocal coach for his fellow actors, helped everyone do a wonderful job with Shakespeare’s challenging language. Trix Whitehall’s sound design (which included live music and dance), Rebecca Flynt’s set design, and Charlie Jones’ costume design complemented the ensemble’s praiseworthy performance.

Although part of the set design seemed a bit crude (the writings on the inn wall and the fairly modern-looking dart board, for example), the designers succeeded in creating an illusion of Elizabethan England and in putting the audience into the right mood.

Whoever would like to enjoy a great comedy despite its questionable political correctness may do so on May 3 and 4 at 8 p.m. at the Greenbelt Arts Center.

Planetarium Show At Science Center

The planetarium at the Owens Science Center right behind Duval High School in L a n h a m - Seabrook will show "More than Meets the Eye" and "Saving the Night" on May 10 and June 14 at 7:30 p.m.

"More than Meets the Eye" describes what can be seen through small backyard telescopes, from planets to galaxies. "Saving the Night" details why light pollution makes it hard to see our night sky. Both programs are eye-opening events. There will be a live tour of the current night sky to point out stars, constellations, and planets. This program is suitable for all ages. There is a fee.

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A Review

Shrew at the Arts Center

by Dennis Jelalian

The Greenbelt Arts Center is presenting The Taming of the Shrew by William Shakespeare on May 3 and May 4.

Any Shakespearean play presents the director with a number of challenges. For one, there is another play, The Taming of a Shrew, as Director Norma Ozur says, “referred to as A Shrew and The Shrew to tell them apart.”

This production used The Shrew script cut by ... Ozur, with the epilogue from A Shrew added. The difference between Shrew as it is customarily done and this production is that it uses an induction which introduces a drunkard name Sly, who wonders, “... do I dream? Or have I dreamed till now?” It’s a good question. Bartholomew, a page dressed as a lady, plays Sly’s wife. They are brought back to cover scene changes. They have some amusing business, but interest in them wanes. And then there are several scene changes where they are not brought back. Having once established the pattern, I missed them when they weren’t there. I think their material was all improvised. For this to work, more energy might have been spent giving them something to do. They need to form a closure, if only outlined.

The main plot of Shrew concerns Baptista, a rich citizen of Padua, and his attempt to marry off his two very different daughters, Bianca, the younger daughter, and Katharina, the elder. Shakespeare keeps these two

strands well in hand. In one hand he keeps the Bianca/Hortensio thread taut as he plays with disguises and mistaken identity. In the other hand, he keeps the Katharina/Petruchio in rather more straightforward, if outrageous, fashion.

The cast did a creditable job by and large. I am amazed by Norm Gleichman, who plays the servant Biondello. He twists his body into outrageous shapes, but they are always appropriate.

Karl Heimer makes a magnificent Petruchio. Katharina (Belen Pifel) might have been played better. There was no evidence of her falling in love. She goes from a shrew to being contrite with no indication of anything happening to her. I was especially looking forward to the “duty that wives owe their husbands” speech. It seemed to be rushed. It lacked the irony. Tranio, played by Jeff Landou, is another of those people who get into playing a role gleefully. I enjoyed his performance.

The musicians added a nice touch, homegrown and folksy. But the dancers were another story. They all looked like they were poured concrete. There wasn’t a smile in the lot.

Shannon Webber deserves a good hand for the wonderful job he did as Bartholomew, always hiding his beard behind a fan. Larry Simmons deserves a hand for the drunken Sly.

The set by Rebecca Flynt was workable and tidy.

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"Spurirus," 2001, painting by Priscilla Young at the Greenbelt Arts Center Gallery. Acrylic and oil on masonite. Young's show in the gallery runs through June 14.



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youth should call the New Carrollton branch at 301-459-6900, or sign up at the information desk. The branch is located at 7414 Riverdale Road.

On Saturday, May 11, the completed film will be shown to the public at noon. Grant funds were provided by the Maryland State Library for this program. The Animation Program is a co-operative effort produced by the Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts (GAVA) and Greenbelt Access Television (GATE).



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Work Session - County Plans for Fire Depts.	5/29	8:00 p.m.	CC
Special Meeting-Budget Adopt.	6/3	8:00 p.m.	MB*
Work Session-Roosevelt Center Market Study	6/5	8:00 p.m.	CC

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POLICE BLOTTER

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Attempted Rape

Beltway Plaza, April 22, 6 p.m., a woman was walking on a pathway to the rear of the mall when she was approached by two males who were wearing masks. One pushed her to the ground and attempted to rape her. She struggled with him, and then both suspects fled on foot in an unknown direction. The victim was not injured. The suspects are described as two black males wearing all black clothing and black masks.

Armed Robbery

16 Court Ridge Road, April 21, 7:31 p.m., a man was walking his dog when he was approached by the suspect, who asked him for change for a dollar. The victim made change, and as he turned to walk away, the suspect struck him in the head with an unknown object. The suspect forced the victim to the ground and took his wallet before fleeing toward Ridge Road. A vehicle described as a grey or light blue Ford was seen leaving the area shortly after the incident. The victim was taken to Doctors Community Hospital for treatment. The suspect is described as a black male in his teens, wearing a maroon shirt and a "doo rag" on his head.

Unattended Children

6100 block Breezewood Drive, April 19, 10:37 a.m., a 32-year-old female resident was arrested after officers found four children alone in an apartment. They are ages three, eight, ten and eleven. The suspect was released on citation pending trial.

Assault

Greenbelt Middle School, April 19, 2:30 p.m., a 14-year-old Landover resident was arrested and charged with assault after he allegedly pushed another student's head into a desk. The victim was treated for a minor cut to his face. The youth was released to school administrators pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Theft

9 Court Parkway, April 23, 10:40 p.m., a men's green 15-speed mountain bike was stolen from the front of a residence.

Greenbelt Middle School, April 18, 2:30 p.m., a 14-year-old Landover resident and a 13-year-old Upper Marlboro youth were arrested for theft after they were observed by a teacher stealing money from a purse. Both were released to school administrators pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, April 25, 8:56 a.m., a 14-year-old and a 15-year-old, both Greenbelt residents, were arrested for theft after allegedly stealing property from lockers. They were released to school administrators pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Burglary

5900 block Cherrywood Lane, April 21, 11:48 a.m., a key may have been used to gain entry to a residence. A satellite dish was taken.

7500 block Greenway Center Drive, April 21, 4:18 p.m., unknown persons forced open the front door of a medical office. Money was taken.

Vandalism

5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, April 25, 6:06 p.m., someone broke out the bedroom window of a residence.

Drug Arrests

5800 block Cherrywood Lane, April 21, 11:47 p.m. and 8100 block Mandan Terrace, April 20, 7:01 p.m., three men, 20, 21, and 23, of whom two were Greenbelt residents, were arrested and charged with possession of marijuana paraphernalia.

Trespassing

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, April 19, 11:30 a.m., three young people, a 16-year-old and two 14-year-olds from Capitol Heights and Landover were arrested after they were found walking inside the hallways. None was a student and all allegedly were looking for a particular student to fight. They were re-

leased on petition pending action by the juvenile justice system.

6600 block Lake Park Drive, April 25, 3:31 p.m., a 15-year-old Greenbelt resident and a 14-year-old Riverdale resident were arrested when found trespassing after having been previously banned from a secured condominium by agents of the property. They were released pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Open Alcohol

T.G.I.Friday restaurant, April 19, 11:20 p.m., a 27-year-old resident of Upper Marlboro was charged with possession of an open alcoholic container after he was observed drinking an alcoholic beverage in the restaurant parking lot. He was released on citation pending trial.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a red 1994 Chevrolet S-10 pickup, Md. tags 28B130, April 16, 7500 block Mandan Road; a 1993 Dodge Caravan, April 23, from the 9300 block Edmonston Road, recovered the next day by county police in Berwyn Heights.

Vandalism to, theft from and attempted theft of vehicles occurred in the following areas:

499 block Ridge Road; 9000 block Breezewood Terrace (two incidents); 6200 block Breezewood Drive; 7500 block Mandan Road (two incidents); 9300 block Edmonston Road (two incidents); 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive; 9000 block Breezewood Terrace; 9100 block Springhill Lane; Greenway Center; 5900 block Cherrywood Lane; 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace.

Four vehicles were recovered; one arrest was involved.

In the 6300 block of Greenbelt Road, April 25, an officer made a traffic stop and arrested a 40-year-old man from northeast Washington, charging him with theft. The license tag on the vehicle was stolen. The man was released on citation pending trial.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Citizens may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 301-507-6522. Victims of the theft of lawn ornaments, tools, lawn mowers, etc., should contact Criminal Investigations at 301-507-6530. Some items have been recovered and police would like to return them to owners.

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If Greenbelt were to switch police retirement systems, there would be money available from the MCLEO fund to move to the LEOPS plan. The money available for the new plan would offset what the city needs to contribute. But, without an up-dated actuarial study of the current force, the amount of funds available to move is unknown.

Decision

The city council was generally in favor of a move to the plan. Councilmember Edward Putens commented to the FOP that the outlook is "more positive than two to three years ago. You've done your homework." However, the city would need to fund it with FY03 moneys, and the budget will be finalized by early June. Thus, an actuarial study must be funded and undertaken immediately. The council closed the meeting with the understanding that they would try to fund

the \$5,000 study, and the FOP would investigate how to have the actuarial work undertaken as quickly as possible.

(Editor's Note: In addition to the city's and police officers' contributions to the MCLEO pension plan, the city and officers also contribute toward a deferred compensation plan that provides officers with additional benefits at the time of retirement.)

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the procedure, the current speed bumps will be removed and then replaced with a somewhat different design.

Unmet Needs
Handed out to councilmembers at the meeting was a two-page addendum referred to, but not titled, as “unmet needs.” Listed in order of priority, these items were described as “not funded in the 2003 budget.” While noting that the budget must of course be balanced, councilmember Tom White charged that the city manager should express “all needs” in the budget. This is a major issue in “the philosophy” of preparing a budget. If it’s a need, we should take care of it, he stressed.

In response, Phelan suggested that a better term might be “new initiatives.” These are items, Hall said, that “we would like but they aren’t critical.”

At this point Mayor Davis suggested that they constituted “a wish list,” which councilmember Rodney Roberts agreed was a “better label.”

Among listed items was funding for two non-classified nine-month positions, to provide extra help during heavy work periods. Additional cell phones for members of the building maintenance crew also was listed, as was soft-

ware for tracking work requests. Two other items involved hiring contractors for special work—one for stripping and scrubbing of the Community Center corridor, a time-consuming annual process that stretches the resources of the regular maintenance staff, whose regular chores continue unabated. The second need for a contractor involves high-risk tree work, especially during busy seasons.

At the end of the list, but desirable, again, from the point of view of the city’s goals in recycling is the purchase of a soil screening plant to process fill dirt accumulating from city projects—a \$15,000 item. Something between 100 and 200 yards of soil are excavated annually on city projects, the “wish list” reports. Previously disposed of at no cost at the landfill, this option will no longer be available. If this material were processed here, with rocks and other debris screened out, it could be mixed with compost and utilized for landscaping and turf repair projects.

“Could such equipment be bought jointly with other cities?” Mayor Davis asked, referring to the recent successful joint purchase of a street sweeper. Phelan agreed that this might be a possibility.



Members of the Grounds Crew show off equipment at Public Works Open House on April 20.

Parent Training "A Huge Success"

According to Group Facilitator Jamila Codrington, a CARES-sponsored parent training group which was held over a six-month period “proved to be a huge success.” A high level of commitment by parents, consistency in attendance, and the fact that seven of the nine parents were present for the entire six-month period contributed to the success, said Codrington.

Further evidence of the success of the group was reflected through group cohesiveness and the sharing of responsibility. “The parents . . . proved to be the true source of information and guidance through the exchange of anecdotal stories and suggestions that provided different perspectives and solutions to solving each other’s family management problems,” said Codrington.

The parents said that the group provided them with an opportunity to share problems, explore ineffective aspects of their parenting, and offer advice to each other. Noticeable changes included the ability to establish more control with their children,

to refrain from using destructive discipline strategies, to understand their children’s behavior in a more age-appropriate manner and therefore adjust their expectations, in addition to being able to create a more nurturing and loving family environment.

Parents commented that these changes helped them to enjoy being a parent more. One sign of the progress of such a relationship was manifested in the final portion of the program, when children took turns reading statements to their parents regarding what they appreciated about them. “Parents were not only surprised, but also overwhelmed with joy and affection,” according to Codrington.

At the end of the session, upon hearing that the funded period for the group had ended, members decided to hold informal sessions themselves. As Codrington said, “parents don’t need my presence to facilitate their continued growth and progress.”

Greenbelt CARES

The week of April 22, Greenbelt CARES was visited by Billie R. Baker, program specialist, Audit and Compliance Unit, the Department of Juvenile Justice, for the purpose of conducting a certification review. The agency was found to be in compliance and a certificate to that effect will be sent shortly.

Teresa Smithson and Robyn Strauss, crisis intervention teacher at Greenbelt Elementary School, held the last sessions of two Student Leadership Development groups on Monday, April 15. Second and fifth grade students enjoyed refreshments, received certificates of completion, and discussed what they learned from their participation in the group on Tuesday, April 23.

Smithson and Strauss held the first session of a “Getting Ready for Middle School” group on April 23. The group lets sixth grade students discuss the changes and challenges they will face next year and identify the classroom behaviors that are helpful in making the transition to their next level of education.

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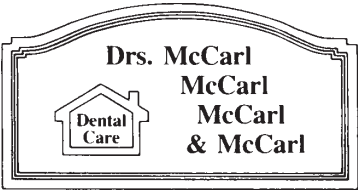
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A Response

City Horticulturist Weighs Benefits of Bt Spraying

by Bill Phelan, Assistant Director of Public Works,
City of Greenbelt

This spring many egg masses for gypsy moth caterpillars were found on trees on Plateau Place and in city woodlands surrounding that area. Gypsy moth is an alien invasive species that escaped captivity in North America and has been devastating to oak forests. The city's Advisory Committee on Trees reviewed this information and urged the city to join forces with the state control program. The city council concurred, and we have arranged for the aerial application of Bt to these woodlands. Without treatment, complete or partial defoliation of oak trees in the area would result. In addition, failure to treat at this time would result in a larger, more widespread population next year. Eventually, the population would decline through naturally occurring biocontrols but this would not occur until after severe damage was done.

In letters to the editor, residents have raised questions about the safety of aerial Bt applications. I offer the following information to reassure the public of the safety of the proposed applications.

Bacillus thuringiensis (Bt) is a commonly found aerobic bacterium in soil, air and plant surfaces worldwide. This bacterium produces a crystal that is toxic to certain insects. The specific strain of Bt used to control gypsy moth caterpillars is Bt *kurstaki*. This strain only affects Lepidopteran caterpillars [those that become butterflies or moths], generally in their first through third instar (3/4" or less in length). Bt degrades rapidly in the environment and is ineffective after a few days. Material exposed to sunlight typically has a half life of about four hours.

It is true that Bt contains inert ingredients that are not listed on the label because they are trade secrets. This, however, is not as sinister as has been implied. Bt is a strain of bacteria that manufacturers brew by fermentation, in a process similar to the way beer is brewed. Many producers of food products such as beer, pickles and bread have trade secrets about their process. We continue to eat them anyway. All Bt formulations (including their inert ingredients) have been reviewed by the EPA for their potential mammalian and non-target toxicity. In addition, many independent studies have confirmed the

safety of these applications.

Bt has been widely used for many years in agriculture as well as on organic farms. During all this time, no adverse environmental effects have been found, other than the death of Lepidopteran caterpillars. Even the Rachel

“... no adverse environmental effects have been found, other than the death of Lepidopteran caterpillars.”

Carrson Council's Basic Guide to Pesticides lists no effects on mammals or other non-target organisms.

It is true that this strain of bacteria will kill other caterpillars present at the time of application. Two in our area killed during these applications for gypsy moth caterpillars are the tent caterpillar and cankerworm, both of which are damaging to a wide range of trees in our area. Many native caterpillars either have not yet emerged, or are at a stage that is too advanced to be affected by Bt. In addition, most forest Lepidopterans are moths, so there is little damage to butterfly populations. Research has also shown that there is little or no long-term effect on populations of non-target caterpillars.

Drought, gypsy moth feeding and cankerworm infestation have stressed the oak trees in the treatment area over the past several years. It is likely that another bout of defoliation would result in the death of many trees. In addition, if many trees in this forested area died, more sunlight would reach the forest floor. Exotic invasive species such as multiflora rose and honeysuckle would likely colonize these areas quickly, since they spread more aggressively than native species under these conditions. The city and GHI already have a serious problem with invasive species on the edges of woodlands. One of the best ways to maintain the natural vegetation is to maintain the forest canopy.

Finally, it should be noted that failure to treat will most assuredly have negative effects on the ecosystem. As the oaks decline or die due to infestation by gypsy moth caterpillars, all of the species of plants and animals that rely on the oak trees for sustenance and shelter will suffer. Even humans have adverse health effects related to gypsy moths. In the end all of our actions are based on weighing the benefits of any action compared with the risks of that action. Here it is obvious the benefits of applying Bt far outweigh any potential risks.

Tent Caterpillar Nests Appearing

Eastern tent caterpillars have begun hatching and building their white-colored webs, or tents, in roadside and landscape trees. These caterpillars are often confused with the very different, and very damaging, gypsy moth caterpillar. Gypsy moth caterpillars usually hatch about mid-April and they do not make tents or webs.

Eastern tent caterpillars are dark gray with a white stripe down the middle of the back. They have a row of blue spots along each side and are covered by short dark hairs. Gypsy moth caterpillars are mottled gray, have tufts of long hairs along each side and have a double row of blue dots behind the head followed by a double row of red dots along the back.

Eastern tent caterpillars prefer to feed on the leaves of wild cherry trees, but will eat leaves of crab apple, hawthorn, peach and plum trees. They pupate early, giving the trees a chance to refoliate and recover. They can usually be controlled by destroying the nest, or by tearing it open so that birds can get to the caterpillars. Where possible, the nest can be removed from the tree and soaked in soapy water to drown the caterpillars. Removing the nest early, when it and the caterpillars are small, will prevent most damage.

Gypsy moth caterpillars prefer the leaves of oaks and other valuable neighborhood landscape trees such as birch, beech, willow, hawthorn and linden. They do not make tents or web nests. They hatch in mid- to late-April, several weeks later than eastern tent caterpillars and feed for 10 to 12 weeks. The state will be spraying in selected areas of Maryland starting this week. Spraying in Greenbelt focuses on the area of Plateau Place and extends into the woods at the end of the street.

Since the larger gypsy moth caterpillars eat voraciously as they get older and feed so much later into the summer, trees do not have time to refoliate and recover from severe leaf loss. A cycle of two or three years of gypsy moth defoliation can cause severe dieback, or even death, of the tree. Controlling gypsy moths on a large scale requires a professionally-operated aerial spray program. For more information, call the Extension Service at 1-800-342-2507.

A Greenbelt Gardener

by Rosie Rhubarb

The most important planting season of the year has arrived. During the next weeks the summer garden can be planted. The seeds and plants placed in the soil now will produce flowers and vegetables until November. This is what most people consider the main garden, for most, the only garden of the year.

The weather will still be on the cool side but there will be hot days more and more frequently. The soil has warmed up. The important condition for plants this time of year is the frequent rain showers. Once seeds are sown and plants planted they need to be kept constantly moist. Seeds will die if they dry out and little plants have such a small root system that they can't take much dryness. Don't flood the plants but make sure the surrounding soil is moist. Planting now means Mother Nature helps with this job by providing frequent showers, hence the gardener has to water less.

What to Plant

The range of possibilities of what can be planted is huge. In fact, deciding what to plant can be an overwhelming job. Do yourself and your budget a favor by doing at least a little planning before you walk into the garden shop. Otherwise you will be overwhelmed with mouth watering choices. And later you will find yourself unable to digest all the treats on your plate.

Planning the Garden

Planning the garden need not be detailed or time consuming. It merely means taking the time to decide what you really want. (How much time do you want to spend on the garden? How much money?)

Make an honest estimate of how much time you are willing to spend in the garden. If the answer is little, that's ok – there are attractive plants that don't require much work, but be honest enough to buy them and skip by the great looking plants that take a lot of time and upkeep. As a general rule of thumb, plants that do well in our climate require much less work. The right plant

for the right place is much less work and will produce better.

Plant shade loving plants in the shade and sun lovers in the sun and plants and gardener will be much happier. For the vegetable garden, most of the plants typical for the summer garden are sun lovers – tomato, pepper, squash and beans. These plants will produce in some shade but the less shade the better. In the shady yard salad greens will grow well, so the owner of the shady yard does well to have a vegetable garden that features greens in the spring and/or the fall.

Flowers

In the shade flower garden a few plants reign supreme – impatiens, coleus, and begonia. This list is small but the first two come in a range of colors and shapes. So you need not stick to cute pink impatiens if you don't like them. Try bright orange New Guinea impatiens or the new varieties of double impatiens that look like small roses.

If your flower garden gets at least five to six hours of sun you have a great range of flowers to choose from. A key factor to consider this year is how drought resistant a plant is – even if rainfall is normal such plants require less care.

Drought resistant annual flowers include: gomphrena, strawflower, lisianthus, zinnia, marigold, cleome, cosmos, and tithonia. The last five can be grown from seed. Cleome should only be grown from seed because it has a deep growing main root. Several of these are not well known but I mention them because I have grown all of them successfully in dry conditions, some in drought conditions. Tithonia is an orange daisy with a yellow center. Lisianthus is one of the most beautiful flowers I have grown. Everybody who sees them loves them. The petals are about an inch and a half long. The single varieties look like poppies or tulips; the double varieties like roses.



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Montpelier Festival Celebrates 32 Years

The 32nd Annual Montpelier Spring Festival will be held on Sunday, May 5 from noon to 6 p.m. at the Montpelier Mansion grounds.

The Montpelier Spring Festival is a free cultural arts celebration consisting of continuous entertainment offered on four stages, comprising music, dance, and children's programs. The festival showcases a variety of food, artists and craftspeople, a children's parade, free pony rides, free face painting and balloons, community organization/agency exhibits, animals, tours of the historic mansion, exhibits and demonstrations in the arts center, vehicle displays and special attractions. Clowns and animal characters are ready to greet participants with a handshake or a hug.

Senior Tidbits

by Ann MacKenzie

The Greenbelt Assistance in Living program provides information and support to enable seniors to remain in their homes. Resource information is available to Greenbelt seniors who may contact Ann MacKenzie, Community Resource Advocate. The following three services are highlighted this month.

There are several prescription-drug discount cards available to persons who qualify. Additional information may be gained through a pharmacy or by contacting Ann MacKenzie, Community Resource Advocate. As reported in the Washington Post by Bill Brubaker, beginning in June, seven large pharmaceutical manufacturers will jointly offer a prescription-drug discount card, that will allow low-income Medicare patients to obtain discounts of about 20 to 40 percent off retail pharmacy prices on more than 140 widely prescribed medications.

An informational brochure is available that explains Medicare savings for qualified beneficiaries and how to get help to pay medical expenses. Find out how to qualify, apply for and get more information.

For information, contact MacKenzie, 301-474-8000, ext. 105, or at amackenzie@ci.greenbelt.md.us.

Auction Cornucopia

Billed as a 'Shindig,' the Greenbelt Rotary Club and the Women's Club of Cheverly are joining forces to present a silent auction, buffet, cash bar, and tripping the light fantastic on Friday, May 3 at 7 p.m. at the Cheverly Community Center. The cornucopia overflows with auction items both hysterical and historical - with Hot Air Balloon Rides, close-in tickets to three Orioles game (see 'em lose up close and personal) and Elvis Presley memorabilia for devotees of the King.

Auction items gustatory and auditory proffer dinners at several area restaurants, including some where actual music is played by real people like Oleta Adams or Sue Matthews at the Rams Head Tavern. If all this scares the gentle reader half to death, the preparation of a simple will and power of attorney is on the block - and as neither death nor taxes can be escaped, financial consultation and tax preparation also go to the highest bidder.

Given the sartorial standards usually displayed in the Greenbelt Co-op, the determined bidder is strongly urged to secure whiter teeth, beauty treatment gift certificates, original designer jewelry, and reflexology treatments and then purchase a wild weekend in Ocean City to test out the effects. If Ocean City isn't exotic enough, then a 4-night Jamaica Vacation Package might do.

Atlantic City is the destination for the reverse auction - where two three-night Weekend Getaways will be given away to participants. Wear whatever public decency permits - there is a cover charge. Obtain more information from 301-474-1300.

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The Patuxent Research Refuge will be celebrating International Migratory Bird Day on Saturday, May 4 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the National Wildlife Visitor Center in Laurel. International Migratory Bird Day 2002 marks the tenth anniversary of this annual event designed to celebrate the safe return of migratory birds from their southern wintering areas. Activities at the National Wildlife Visitor Center will include live animal displays, children's activities which include crafts, migratory route activity, demonstrations, bird walks, presentations, and a display of winning art from the Maryland Federal Junior Duck Stamp competition.

Activities will take place rain or shine; admission is free.

The National Wildlife Visitor Center is located off Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore/Washington Parkway and Route 197, just south of Laurel. Call 301-497-5760 for more information or visit <http://patuxent.fws.gov>.

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Volunteers Needed At Riversdale House

Riversdale House Museum, a National Historic Landmark, has volunteer opportunities available. Volunteers are needed for those interested in history, museum shop sales or open hearth cooking.

Volunteers are asked to work one four-hour shift a month. Regular hours are Fridays and Sundays noon to 4 p.m. Volunteers to help conduct special tours for adult and school groups during the week are also needed.

Kitchen Guild and shop training can be arranged as required. Riversdale is located at 4811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale Park. For further information call 301-864-0420.

May Day Celebration At Marietta House

Join the fun as Marietta House Museum celebrates the beginning of spring, with a May Day celebration on Saturday, May 4 from 1 to 4 p.m. There is a fee.

Dance around the Maypole, make May baskets and play games.

Marietta House Museum, 5626 Bell Station Road, Glenn Dale, is off Rt. 193 just north of Rt. 450/Annapolis Road. For more information and to make reservations call 301-464-5291 or TTY 301-699-2544.

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In honor of our service men and women and to celebrate the response of the citizens and organizations, we are having a special gala event on Friday, June 14, 2002 at the Greenbelt Marriott in the Grand Ballroom. Marriott has donated the ballroom and some of the food costs. The musicians and performers are also donated their time and talents. The evening will include dinner, dancing to the music of the 40's, and a great show. To purchase tickets at a cost of \$35.00 each contact Jackie Shabe-Rochefort at 301 345-4967 or e-mail jackieusn@hotmail.com.

To show our appreciation, your name will appear in the evening's program. Additionally, recognition of your support will be placed on the Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 web site and Contact Newsletter, and a special thank you ad will appear in the Greenbelt News Review. We also anticipate coverage by local newspapers and television stations, as well as support from area radio stations.

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Earth Day Activities Provided Education and Fun!



Justin Van Den Bossche is one of the three St. Hugh's students who came to volunteer with their 7th grade teacher Margie Sparks. The class also presented wetlands research to the city for its planned educational panels.



Mom Lynn Eppard, sister Sakina, and brother Yusuf join Earth Day tee-shirt design winner Kamilah Abdul-Wakil for a juice break after planting and stone mason tasks are completed.



Peter Kelley, Lakeside Drive resident, mixes mortar for stone masons of all ages.

EARTH DAY

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ies. It was obvious that the workers take great pride in their jobs. Many visitors were strolling between the lake, with its Earth Day and Arbor Day activities, and the large public works compound, which had hot dogs and snacks. To the delight of many children, Greenbelters Chris and Lindsay Holder were visiting the lake with their two large snakes, which appeared to like the sunny weather. One was a python and the other a boa. Mayor Judith Davis and other councilmembers were planting trees for Arbor Day and accepting a "Tree City" plaque. Davis asked the crowd how many years had Greenbelt been a "tree city." Many replied with the correct answer - 65 years - which is the number of years the city has been in existence.



Beth Baden, state forester, presents Greenbelt's Tree City plaque to Mayor Judith Davis.

The photographs above were taken by Greenbelt resident Linda Barnett unless otherwise indicated.



Public Works police mechanic Jim Keifline shows off the green and white design of a squad car.

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City Notes

The week of April 22, the horticulture crew began planting new materials at the Museum; planted Adopt-a-Trees at 73 Court Ridge playground, near the Youth Center, the Community Center and at the Dog Park; removed downed trees at the playground at Ridge and Crescent, on Morrison Drive, Mandan Road, Greendale Place and Fayette Place; contracted the removal of two large dead trees, one on Greenhill and one on Empire; and continued planting and mulching at the new Wetlands Center. The parks crew continued work on the Wetlands Center, constructing the stone walls and benches; prepared Schrom Hills and Braden Fields for the Steve Gingell Softball tournament; in-

stalled a swing set at the Lake Park; worked on the climber at the Museum playground; and repaired the climber at Springhill Lake Recreation Center. The facilities maintenance crew completed painting all the light poles and bollards in Roosevelt Center, returned a shopping cart to the Co-op, removed the life guard station from the shallow end of the outdoor pool, and worked with a contractor extending the exhaust pipe for the emergency generator at the Community Center. The streets crew continued work doing base repair of the asphalt on Ora Glen Drive and continued work for relocation of the Animal Impound Area.

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